

THE DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN THEIR STATE CONVENTION IN THE ARMORY HALL AT NORFOLK AT NOON NEXT WEDNESDAY. DELEGATES TO KANSAS CITY AND ELECTORS WILL BE CHOSEN

A Large Number of People Expected to Attend.

FOR NEW CONSTITUTION.

Two Thirds of the Delegates Said to Favor Change in Organic Law.

LAWLESS FOR CHAIRMAN.

His Friends Seem Determined to Present His Name For This Honor.

DELEGATES TO KANSAS CITY.

Senator Daniel Will Head the List, and Senator Martin Will Also Be Chosen—State Committee to Meet to Change Plan of Organization and to Select Temporary Officers.

The State Democratic Convention will be held at Norfolk next Wednesday. State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson will call the gathering to order in the Armory building at noon. The Armory is said to be one of the most commodious convention buildings in the State. It will seat about 5,000 people.

There will be a meeting of the State Committee on Tuesday to select the temporary officers. State Senator William P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is being spoken of for chairman and Mr. Joseph Button, of Appomattox, for secretary.

The convention will elect four delegates-at-large and four alternates, to Kansas City and two electors-at-large. Two delegates, two alternates and one elector will be chosen by each of the district meetings, which will be held Wednesday morning.

The district conventions will each elect five members of the State Committee. The State chairman will be chosen by the general convention.

AS TO MR. LAWLESS.

It is generally believed the name of Hon. Joseph T. Lawless will be presented for the State chairmanship. He says he will not oppose Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson



HON. J. TAYLOR ELLYSON.

as long as that gentleman is a candidate for re-election, but some of Mr. Lawless' friends seem determined to try and secure for him this honor. Mr. Ellyson has been the efficient party chairman for about ten years.

Mr. Ellyson is understood to be a candidate for re-election in the sense that he is willing to serve if the Democrats desire him to remain at the head of the committee. He is not making any fight for votes.

Mr. Lawless is the popular young secretary of the Commonwealth, now serving his third term. He was a member of the State Senate from the Portsmouth district before he was elected to the office he now holds.

There are not many candidates for delegates to the National Convention. It seems to be conceded that Senator Daniel will head the delegation. Senator Martin will also probably be chosen. Among others mentioned for delegates-at-large are Representatives Swanson and Jones, Hon. George D. Wise and Hon. Joseph T. Lawless.

Hon. Samuel L. Kelley will be chosen elector for the Third District. Among those spoken of for delegates to Kansas City from this district, are Messrs. W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield; A. J. Bradley, of Manchester; W. H. Sands, Cunningham Hall and Chris. Manning, Jr., of Richmond, and Henry T. Wickham, of Hanover.

Hon. Wm. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only person suggested, so far, for the elector-at-large.

The convention will be called to order by Chairman Ellyson at noon. He will announce the names of the temporary officers. The chairman will, of course, make a brief speech. The districts will then be called and each one will name three members for each of the Committees on Permanent Organization, Credentials and Resolutions. A short recess will then be taken in order to give the committees time within which to make up their reports.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Committee on Resolutions will be an unusually important body, for it will

have to deal with the matter of making the constitutional convention a party issue. It is a foregone conclusion that the Norfolk meeting will confirm and ratify the action of the caucus of the Democratic members of the General Assembly. In fact, the opponents of the convention seem to have given up the fight. They realize full well that they are whipped. More than two-thirds of the delegates are pledged to make the convention a party issue.

The Norfolk meeting will probably conclude its work by midnight Wednesday. While the basis of representation has been reduced by one-half, the attendance of Democrats will be large. Many who are not delegates or alternates will go.

A Philadelphia advertisement: "What do you get when you buy a \$1 hat at other stores?—stuck. Same here \$3.50."

The St. Louis Central Trades and Labor Union, representing 25,000 persons, will have a monster eight-hour demonstration Sunday, May 6th, at Neff's Grove, in North St. Louis.

Chicago brewery teamsters have been conceded the nine-hour day.

San Antonio hasn't a non-union printing shop.

By vote of 310 to 190 New York local

unions voted against the proposition of the National Union of United Brewery Workers to establish an out-of-work benefit fund.

Frisco woodworkers want the 8-hour day on August 1, next.

The Houses of Parliament are partly lit by 40,000 electric lamps, a number which is being constantly increased.

It will require over 52,000 men to take the next United States census.

Chicago building trades claim 50,000 unionists.

Social and Personal.

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ing at 8:30 o'clock. Among the prominent artists who will take part in the programme are Mr. Fromal, of Washington, a pianist who never fails to captivate his audience, and Miss Anschutz, of Baltimore, who enjoys an enviable reputation as a singer. Evening dress will be in order. Members who have not yet secured their invitations will please do so at once.

The annual meeting of the Thirteenth Club was held Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Milton B. Marcus. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Miss Rosa B. Angle, president; Miss Sallie May, secretary; Miss Ray Meyers, artistic literary committee—Miss Angle, Miss Blanche Binswanger and Miss Marion Levy.

The study of Shakespeare will be resumed.

Mrs. Lillian Cole-Boethel will begin her course on Parliamentary Law at the Woman's Club on Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Members of other organizations wishing to take advantage of these drills can secure their tickets at the club.

Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss is at Old Point for a short visit.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, of Norfolk is visiting Mrs. Edmund Stradwick.

Miss Rose Van Vort has accepted a temporary position at Johns Hopkins and will, while there, take a course in massage.

Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Lawson, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. A. E. Hoen.

Miss Ellen Hobson is visiting Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston Camm are in Atlantic City.

Miss Carroll Wellford, of Sabine Hall, is the guest of her uncle, Mr. B. Rand Wellford.

Mrs. Hannah E. Workum and Miss Workum, of Cincinnati, O., are visiting Mrs. William H. Brauer, wife of the treasurer of the county of Henrico. Mrs. Workum and Mrs. Brauer are sisters of Ezekiel, the sculptor.

Mrs. Robert Greene, of South Third Street, and her daughters, Mrs. T. Wilbur Chelf, Mrs. Lewis G. Chelf, Mrs. Powell

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New York. He will sail from that city for Paris.

Miss Bland, who has been the guest of Miss Janie Wingo, has returned to Baltimore.

Miss Chew, of Pittsburg, who is the guest of Miss Nannie Cooke, leaves Monday for Philadelphia.

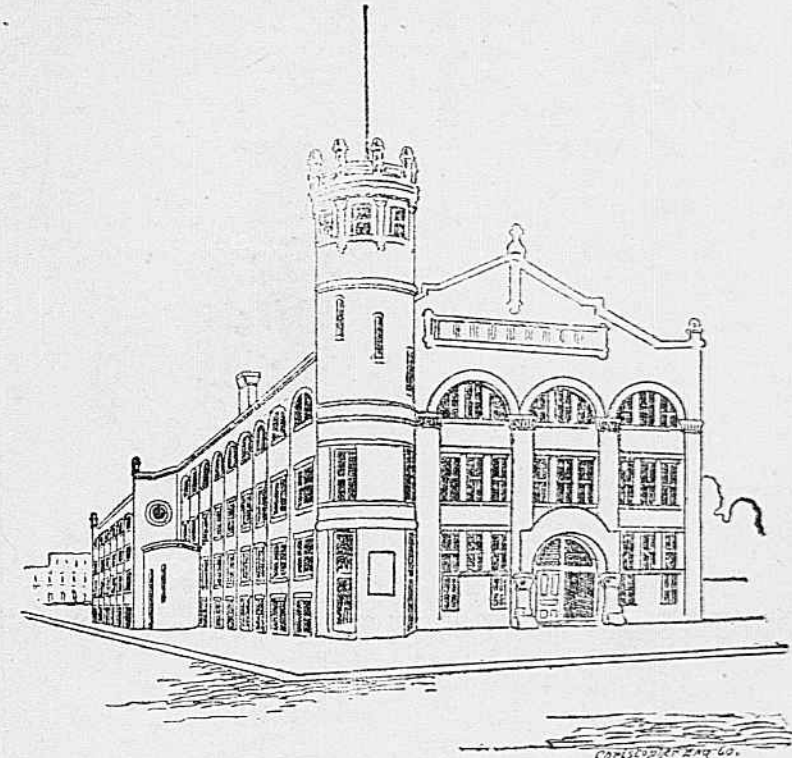
Mrs. Julien Morris and her mother, Mrs. Sally E. Walker, who have been visiting Mrs. C. C. Walker, left for their home in Louisiana yesterday morning.

Miss Sarah Early Owens, who has been the guest of Mrs. Fanny C. Lafferty, has returned to her home in Crozet.

Miss Evelyn Bridges has returned from the University of Virginia, where she spent Easter with the Misses Cooke.

Marie Antoinette's Necklace.

It must have been in 1892 that Meyerbeer paid his last visit to London, and I saw him at one of the Philharmonic concerts, which were then held in the old Hanover square rooms. There was quite a flutter of excitement when the little old man, looking extraordinarily wizened and wrinkled, even for his age of 68, came into the box. I noticed his piercing eyes and hooked nose and perhaps as much as these a magnificent brooch of rubies and diamonds that blazed in the center of his shirt frill, which he wore in the fashion of 1830. The stones flashed and glittered with every one of his quick little bows to right and left, and the rubies connect themselves with a tale of his great predecessor in Paris—the mighty Gluck.



THE NORFOLK ARMORY.

(In Which the State Democratic Convention is to Meet.)

Dunn and Miss Lena Greene, are in New York, for the purpose of selecting a handsome lecture, that they will present to Grace Episcopal church in memory of Mrs. Greene's father, the late Mr. William Gibson.

Mrs. Bowman, of Lynchburg, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Wilkinson, of East Franklin Street.

Mrs. Ramon Garcia and her little son are visiting her relatives in Charlottesville.

Miss Kitty Pappenhue, of Charleston, S. C., will be the guest of Miss Nina Randolph during the month of May.

Miss Eva Howard and Miss Etta Sheed are visiting Mrs. Henry Gibson.

Miss Zenobia B. Clarke, who has been the guest of Mrs. Louis Minnigerode, has returned to her home in New Orleans.

Hon. and Mrs. B. B. Munford, Judge L. L. Lewis and Mr. John Rutherford, have returned from Hampton, where they went to attend the exercises of the Hampton Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker returned this week from a visit of several weeks to points in Florida and South Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Steel are visiting in Chester.

Miss Agnes McCarthy is in New York, the guest of Miss Belton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins, of Houston, Halifax county, have become residents of this city, and are living at No. 100 South Third Street. Mrs. Watkins was Miss Fanny Melvin, and is a lineal descendant of General John Crump, one of the founders of the Order of Cincinnati.

Mr. Heth Tyler is on a visit to Washington and Philadelphia.

Miss Grace Shields has returned to the city, after a delightful visit to Charlottesville.

Mr. C. H. Richardson is on a visit to Mrs. John M. Gaddy, of Toano.

Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of General R. E. Lee, who has been abroad on an extended tour, sailed for this country on April 17th, from Genoa, Italy.

Mrs. Serene R. Wilson, of Lexington, is the guest of Mrs. Moscoe Glazebrook, No. 920 West Main Street.

Mrs. G. W. Spooner, of Charlottesville, arrived in the city Friday, to be with her son, Rev. G. H. Spooner, who is ill with typhoid fever.

Rev. William N. Scott, D. D., of Galveston, is the guest of Mr. Edwin Pleasant, No. 304 South Third Street.

Elizabeth King, Nora Scott, Louise Crump and Marion Montague gave a very successful little fair Friday afternoon, and made a neat sum for the Ice Mission.

Miss Lucile Fuller, of Washington, is the guest of Miss Flossie Talbott.

Mr. William Parrish left Thursday for

After the first triumphant performance of one of Gluck's operas the Queen sent for him to come to her box to receive her congratulations. Half dazed with emotion, and somewhat fatigued, the old musician, rising from his obscurity, clasped his hands to his eyes, crying with horror, "Blood, blood round the Queen's neck!"

"Antoinette, hastily snatching off her necklace of rubies and holding the rippling gems toward him, and Gluck looked again and saw the fair, white throat rising unharmed and stainless. He died in 1787."—Cornhill.

May Morning.

I open my window to the joy of morning— The joy of morning, now that the May is here!

I see the light-shaft pierce the trembling dewdrop, And every grassblade sparkle with a tear.

O May! the hedge is fringed with snow-white blossoms, Thy pathway shines with dandelion's gold, The lilac scatters warm, delicious fragrance From plummy clusters in a leafy fold.

Intoxicated, from a cup of sweetness, The will bee tumbles forth in reeling flight; He leaves the fickle moth to vain coquetting, With bashful violets, nestled low from sight.

Let us go forth in some old hillside orchard, Take time to linger, and to rest the sight On stretching apple boughs whose gnarled branches

Are wreathed with tints of May in pink and white.

For many a time this dreamy Springtide beauty Will come to us again in darker hours, Reminding wistfully that full fruition Can never equal the unfolding flowers.

—Florence M. Metcalf, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for May.

DEATHS.

OLIVER.—Died, at her residence, No. 2420 East Marshall Street, Friday, April 27, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M., Mrs. CASSANDRA OLIVER, widow of the late Hiram Oliver, in the eighty-fourth year of her age.

FUNERAL.—SUNDAY AFTERNOON, April 29th, at 3 o'clock, from the First Baptist Church, Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. No flowers.

MORGAN.—Departed this life, Friday evening, at 4:57 o'clock, at the residence of his son, No. 121 West Broad Street, NOTLEY MORGAN, in the fifty-ninth year of his age.

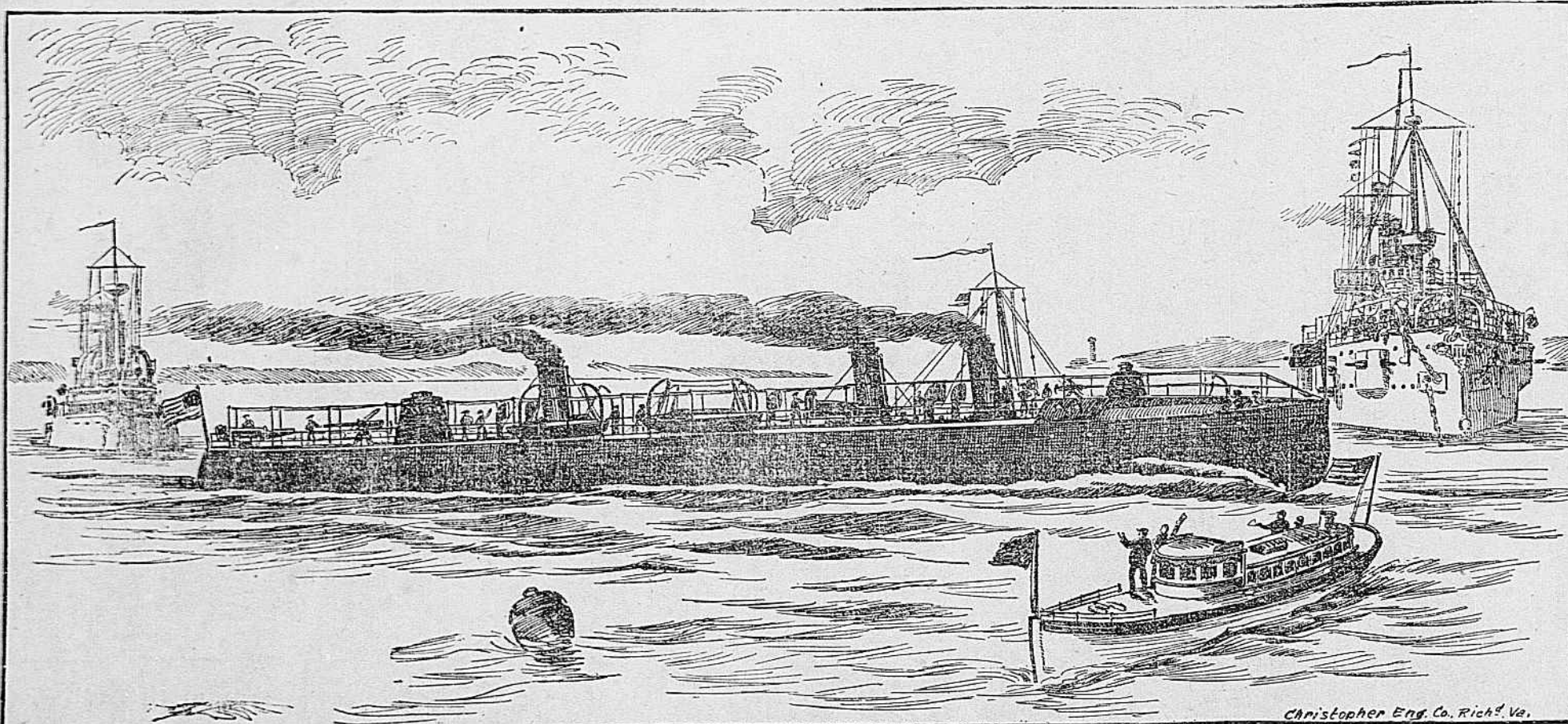
Farewell, father, thou art sleeping Sweetly in thy home of rest; And we know while we are weeping, Thou art with thy Saviour best.

The funeral will take place from Laurel-Street Methodist Church THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock. Friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

HENNING.—Died, April 29, 1900, ROBERT HENNING, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

The remains will be taken to Wilmington, N. C. THIS (Sunday) EVENING for interment.

THE LAUNCHING OF THE UNITED STATES TORPEDO BOAT THORNTON, MAY 15TH, WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE GRAND CARNIVAL.



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U. S. TORPEDO BOAT THORNTON AS SHE WILL APPEAR IN FIGHTING TRIM.

THE NINE-YEAR-OLD GRAND NIECE OF CAPTAIN THORNTON WILL CHRISTEN THE BOAT.

The United States torpedo-boat Thornton will be launched at the W. R. Trigg ship-building yards on Tuesday, May 15th, making the third one of the Government boats to be launched here within the past seven months.

It is now proposed to make the event almost as great an occasion as that of the launching of the Shubrick, as the Thornton will take its initial dip during Carnival week.

The occasion will be preceded by a grand parade, and will be patriotic and

many of the Virginia representatives in Congress, as well as other members, will be present, while the Navy and War departments will be represented. Gov. J. Hoge Tyler, as well as State and city officials, will take part in the programme.

CAPACITY OF THE THORNTON.

The Thornton is of the following dimensions: Length, 175 feet; beam, 17 feet; draft, 4 feet 8 inches; displacement on trial, 165 tons; speed on trial, 25 knots; diameter of H. P. engine cylinder, 14 inches; diameter of I. P. engine cylinder, 22 inches; diameter each I. P. engine cylinder, 23 1/2 inches; stroke of engine, 13 inches; grate area of boiler, 318.5 square feet; indicated horse-power, 2,000; number revolutions of engine, 250; boiler pressure, 250 pounds square inch.

The Thornton's engines are twin-screw vertical engines, placed in separate watertight compartments, each with a condenser, and bunker capacity for at least forty tons of coal. The boat will be lighted throughout by electricity, and

furnished with one searchlight of an approved pattern. It has two conning towers, the forward one being of one-half inch nickel plate.

Three rapid-firing guns and mounts, weighing about two tons, with about three and a half tons of ammunition, will compose the battery. There will be mounted on deck in approved positions three 15-foot torpedo-tubes, with torpedoes, and storage space below for two additional torpedoes and five war-heads.

All ordnance weights will amount to about thirteen tons. The berthing space will accommodate twenty-six men and three officers, while the provision space will hold a 21-days' supply.

The contract price for the Thornton is \$120,750.

GIVEN HIS NAME.

Captain James Shepard Thornton, after whom the Thornton was named, was born in Merrimack, N. H., February 25, 1828, and died in Germantown, Pa., in 1875. He served as a "middy" during

the Mexican war in the Gulf squadron, and also with distinction in the civil war. He was executive officer of the Hartford at the forts and batteries below New Orleans, and during the ensuing fighting on the Mississippi. He was executive officer of the Kearsarge in the fight with the Alabama.

THE ENTERTAINMENT PLANS.

The plans for the entertainment of the launching party are being perfected by a committee selected by the Richmond Carnival Association in conjunction with the W. R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company.

Mr. P. H. C. Cabell is the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, while other members of the committee are Messrs. J. Stewart Bryan, B. Stewart Hume, H. D. Eichelberger and J. T. W. Curtis.

A grandstand to accommodate about five or ten thousand people will be built on Dock Street.

A force of men at the W. R. Trigg

Shipbuilding yards will work to-day, placing the ways under the Thornton and hastening other work on the boat.

LETTER FROM JUDGE DAVIS.

Judge Charles Thornton Davis, of Boston, whose little daughter is to christen the torpedo-boat Thornton here on the 15th of next month, has written a letter to Mr. Wm. R. Trigg, president of the W. R. Trigg Company, in which he says:

"I thank you for your courtesy in regard to securing rooms for us, and am very glad to avail myself of it.

"I am sorry the Jefferson is to be crowded, for I have found it the pleasantest hotel for a stranger that I have ever visited. I hope they can find a quarter for us there, but we shall be quite satisfied with any arrangement made.

"There will be no one in the party but Mrs. Davis, the little girl and myself."

Judge Davis is judge of the Registration Court of Boston.